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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shingo SUZUKI

Group Art Unit: 2674

Application No.: 09/642,642

Examiner: K. Nguyen

Filed: August 22, 2000

Docket No.: 107100

For: SPREAD ILLUMINATION APPARATUS WITH TRANSPARENT SUBSTRATE
HAVING GROOVE PORTIONS OBLIQUELY ARRANGED AND INTERSECTING
ONE ANOTHER

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In reply to the July 25, 2002 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-14 are pending.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative, Gang Luo, by Examiner Nguyen in the October 23, 2002 personal interview. The substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over prior art shown in Figs. 8 and 9 of the present application and Nakagawa et al. (US patent 5,204,852). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

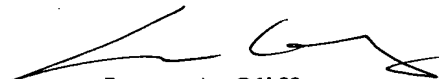
As agreed at the interview, the prior art shown in Figs. 8 and 9 of the present application and Nakagawa, individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest groove portions intersecting one another, as recited in claim 1. Therefore, the prior art shown in

Figs. 8 and 9 of the present application and Nakagawa, individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 1, and claims 2-14 depending therefrom. Thus, Examiner Nguyen withdrew the above rejection during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant confirms that the rejection of claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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